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THE OBSERVATOR.

More Remarks on the Lord Haverſham's *Speech, particularly on his Propoſition, That the* French *King has more Encouragement to renew the Attempt of invading us, than he had at firſt to make it. With an Account of the Inſolence of the Papiſts and* Jacobites *in* Scotland, *their mobbing the eſtabliſh'd Miniſters; and Enquiries to find out the Cauſes why her Majeſty's Laws and Proclamations are not better obſerv'd there.*

From Wednesday, January 19. to Saturday, January 22. 1709.

Country-m. I Want to have ſome more of your Remarks on the Lord *Haverſham*'s Speech, Maſter, according to Promiſe in your laſt, and particularly upon that Propoſition in it, *That notwithſtanding the* French *King fail'd in his late Attempt upon us, yet he has more Encouragement to renew it, than he had at firſt to undertake it*; for ſome People think otherwiſe.

Obſ. I ſhould be very glad thoſe People would give ſolid Arguments for what they ſay, *Roger*; for I am very well ſatisfy'd his Lordſhip would be content, for the Sake of the Publick, to find himſelf miſtaken; but until they prove the contrary, they muſt allow me to conſider his Lordſhip's Arguments for the affirmative.

The firſt is, 'That every Body is convinc'd by 'the inconſiderable Force, the ſmall Number of 'Ships and Troops, the *French* King employ'd in 'the late Attempt upon us the laſt Year, that his 'chief Dependance was upon the Encouragement 'and Promiſes of Aſſiſtance he had from hence; 'and yet, notwithſtanding all our Enquiries, is it 'not as great a Myſtery to this Day, as it was, who 'the Perſons among us are, who were concern'd in 'this black and unnatural Treaſon?

Now, *Roger*, as to this Argument, his Lordſhip is not alone, for the whole Houſe of Lords, on the 12th of *March* laſt, when the Invaſion was on foot, in their Addreſs to her Majeſty on that Subject, ſaid, 'It is with Concern, and with juſt Indigna-'tion, we hear of a Purpoſe to invade your Domi-'nions with ſo inconſiderable a Force. This, as it 'muſt depend upon ſome Invitation and Encou-'ragement from hence, ſo it is an undeniable Proof, 'that neither your Majeſty's Piety, nor the Mild-'neſs of your Government, nor the Succeſs of your 'Reign, can reconcile ſome Men to the preſent E-'ſtabliſhment, the only ſure Foundation of our Li-'berties, and the Proteſtant Religion. And a lit-tle lower, they ſay, 'That the ſmall Number of 'Ships and Troops with which this Project is pro-'ſecuted, notwithſtanding the great Naval Force 'your Majeſty has fitted out with ſo much Expedi-'tion, as it ought to be regarded with Contempt 'on the one ſide, ſo on the other it gives us juſt 'Cauſe to believe, that their chief Dependance is 'upon ſome of your Subjects, whoſe reſtleſs Paſſions 'and arbitrary Principles have for ſome Years en-'gag'd them in forming Deſigns to undermine and 'deſtroy the moſt happy Eſtabliſhment that the Go-'vernment of this Iſland was ever founded upon.

Country-m. That's a full Proof indeed, Maſter, that his Lordſhip's firſt Argument is founded on uncontrovertible Authority; for we are not to think that ſo Great and ſo Noble a Body of Men, as the Houſe of Lords, ſpeak at Random in any Caſe, but much leſs in a Caſe of this Importance.

Obſ. You ſay very well, *Roger*. Now, let any Man conſider, whether thoſe Men of reſtleſs Paſſions and arbitrary Principles, who are charg'd by the Lords to have encourag'd that Invaſion, are leſs numerous, or more modeſt than they were laſt Year? I am ſure, by the *Rehearſal*'s Way of Writing, they ſeem to be more rampant than ever; and, as my Lord *Haverſham* juſtly ſaid, we know of no Friend they have loſt on this ſide the Sea, ſince the Invaſion, but *Gregg*, who was ſo inconſiderable, that he added very little to the Ballance; and I am confident is not much miſs'd by his Party.

Country-m. I remember that Addreſs of the Lords very well, Maſter; and particularly a Paragraph in it, wherein their Lordſhips expreſs themſelves thus: 'We hope your Majeſty will always have a juſt 'Deteſtation of thoſe Perſons, who, at a Time 'when this Helliſh Attempt was a-foot, and ſo near 'breaking out, were uſing Endeavours to miſrepre-'ſent the Actions of your beſt Subjects, and create 'Jealouſies in your Majeſty of thoſe, who had al-'ways ſerv'd you moſt eminently and faithfully; 'and we beſeech your Majeſty not to give ſo juſt 'a Cauſe of Uneaſineſs to your People, as to ſuffer 'any ſuch hereafter to have Acceſs to your Royal 'Perſon ——. And I likewiſe remember, that her Majeſty was graciouſly pleas'd to anſwer, according to their Lordſhips Advice in that ſame Addreſs, 'That ſhe would always place her chief Depen-'dance upon thoſe, who have given ſuch repeated 'Proofs of the greateſt Warmth and Concern for 'the Support of the Revolution, Security of her 'Perſon, and of the Proteſtant Succeſſion. Than which, a more gracious Anſwer could not be given; yet we find, that the Anti-revolution Party are more inſolent than ever, eſpecially in *North Britain*, notwithſtanding her Majeſty's Care to cut off all their Hopes of having the Pretender, and ſending her Fleet laſt Year with ſo much Expedition, to chaſe him from their Coaſts. Therefore, Maſter, I do think, that when the Inſolence of the *Jacobites* increaſes, and is not puniſh'd, which ſhews there is a Defect ſomewhere, it ſtrengthens my Lord *Haverſham*'s Propoſition, That the *French* King has more Encouragement to renew his Attempt, than he had at firſt to undertake it.

Obſ. Their Lordſhips are beſt able to judge, *Roger*, whether there be any ſuch Endeavours us'd now to miſrepreſent her Majeſty's beſt Subjects; and whether it be done in order to encourage another Invaſion; as alſo, who it may be, that hinders the Execution of her Majeſty's good Intentions, her Proclamations and Laws; which would certainly diſcourage the *French* King and the Pretender from renewing the Attempt. Her Majeſty, in her laſt Speech to her laſt Parliament, as my Lord *Haverſham* very well obſerves, ſaid, 'That we muſt cer-'tainly be all inexcuſable, if we did not take 'Warning from the late Attempt, to compleat 'what may be neceſſary for our Security at Home, 'and the diſcouraging the like for the future; to 'which, by God's Bleſſing, there ſhould be nothing 'wanting on her Part: And her Majeſty has been as good as her Word, 'She recommended it to the 'Members at their Return into their ſeveral Coun-'ties, to uſe their utmoſt Care and Diligence in 'putting the Laws in Execution againſt Papiſts, and 'all others diſaffected to her Government: But we have heard of little or nothing done in it, tho' her Majeſty was graciouſly pleas'd to inforce it with this Argument, 'That nothing was more reaſona-

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'ble, than that they, who by their Principles and 'Practices encourage (if not actually foment) ſuch 'Diſturbances, ſhould doubly contribute to the 'Charge of quieting them, and ſecuring the King-'dom's Peace; and ſhould know themſelves on all 'Occaſions to be reſponſible for the many Incon-'veniencies that may enſue: Yet we ſee thoſe Prin-ciples publiſh'd by the *Rehearſer* every Day. He writes againſt our Conſtitution; falſifies our Laws; nay, the *Bible* it ſelf; argues for an abſolute and incontroulable Power in Princes; belies the Revolution; denies the two Houſes of Parliament to have any Share in the Legiſlature; and runs down their coercive Power over Tyrants, tho' they both practis'd it themſelves, and have enacted it to be the Right of the Nation, in Caſe any King or Queen turn Papiſt, or marry a Papiſt, to refuſe them Allegiance. He likewiſe unchriſtens the whole Church of *Scotland*, and all the Diſſenters in *England* and *Ireland*, with our Proteſtant Allies in *Holland* and *Germany*; charges the Queen and Parliament with having eſtabliſh'd a Rebellion againſt God, like that of *Korah*; and conſtantly ſpreads ſuch Maxims of Government, as a Lord Treaſurer of *England* was formerly impeach'd by a Houſe of Commons for inſtilling into King *Charles* the II. yet neither he, nor his Printer, or Publiſher, are call'd to any Account for it; which, in my humble Opinion, *Roger*, is not only another Argument to confirm my Lord *Haverſham*'s Propoſition, *That the* French *King has more Encouragement to renew the Attempt of invading us, than he had at firſt to make it*, but is a plain Proof, that her Majeſty's moſt gracious Orders are not follow'd, *viz. To let thoſe, who, by their Principles and Practices, encourage, if not actually foment, ſuch Diſturbances, know themſelves on all Occaſions to be reſponſible for the many Inconveniencies that may enſue*; ſo that the *Rehearſal* and his Faction ſeem to have Armour of Proof on their Bodies, and Charms in their Pockets; but I think it ought to be enquir'd how they come by them.

Country-m. I fully agree with you, Maſter; and ſo much the more, that ſome Letters which have lately been ſent from *Scotland*, *give very melancholy Inſtances of the Inconveniences that have enſu'd upon ſuch Principles.* Her Majeſty was graciouſly pleas'd to iſſue Proclamations for putting the Laws in Execution there, againſt Papiſts, Jeſuits, trafficking Prieſts, and Intruders into Churches; which are ſo far from being obey'd, that ſome of the new-made Juſtices of Peace in the *North* of that Country, do openly mock them, refuſe Protection to Miniſters ſent to ſupply vacant Churches there by the Presbytry, according to Law, or to procure peaceable Entrance into thoſe Churches, tho' they be liable, by Act of Parliament, to a Fine of 8 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d.* for every ſuch Refuſal, and ſuffer them to be rabbl'd by a barbarous *Jacobite* Mob, ſet on by Papiſts, and other Perſons diſaffected to the Government, as happen'd in *December* laſt, to Mr. *Hugh Campbel*, Miniſter of *Kiltearn*, who was ſent by the Presbytry to preach in the vacant Church of *Killurnan*; ſo that he narrowly eſcap'd with his Life; and when he complain'd of it, was inſolently told by one of the diſaffected Gentry, that he might proſecute for it if he pleas'd, but ought to conſider, that there was no Redreſs had for a like Tumult and Inſult formerly upon Mr. *Stuart*, who was ſent to preach at *Dingwall*, in that ſame Country. In like Manner Mr. *George Munro*, another Miniſter, was lately ſent by the Presbytry, according to Law, to ſupply the vacant Church at *Urray*; but was refus'd Protection, and to have the Church made open to him by the Juſtices; ſo that he could not go thither; and if he had, he would certainly have been mobb'd, there being twenty raſcally Tinkers, with other deſperate Fellows, prepar'd to have done him a Miſchief.

Obſ. I know all that's contain'd in the Letters, and a great deal more, *Roger*; and that while the Miniſters of the eſtabliſh'd Church are treated in ſo barbarous a Manner, Popiſh Prieſts and Jeſuits, and nonjurant *Jacobites*, who join together to alienate the Hearts of the Queen's Subjects, are ſuffer'd to ride about the Country, ſay Maſs, and preach openly, without Controul, in Defiance of the Laws, and her Majeſty's late Proclamations. Nor is there any Redreſs to be had; for there are twenty two of the new-made Juſtices in the Shire of *Roſſe*, who are diſaffected Perſons, and countenance ſuch illegal Proceedings; whereas there are not above ſixteen of the new Juſtices, that are Friends to the Revolution; ſo that they cannot act as they would, nor according to the Law, becauſe the others out-vote them.

Country-m. I am ſorry to hear thoſe Things, Maſter. I was in Hopes, that the Revolution-Intereſt would have been ſtrengthen'd by the Union; but, at this Rate, we ſeem to have taken a Viper into our Boſom, that will gnaw out our Entrails, if it be not carefully prevented.

Obſ. We have no Reaſon to doubt of the good Affection of the *Scots* Nation, *Roger*: But you may perceive by the Pamphlet, entitl'd, *A View of the late* Scots *Miniſtry*, and by Methods that ſome have taken to diſoblige that People, that *Jacobitiſm* and Diſaffection have been nouriſh'd there by Art, and encourag'd, or at leaſt conniv'd at by Men in Great Poſts. The Truth of this may perha psappear, if thoſe whoſe Concern it is, find it proper to enquire, 1. Into the Methods that have been taken in that Country, from Time to Time, to hinder the Settlement of the Proteſtant Succeſſion? 2. Whether thoſe who baffl'd it, have not been always the principal Objects of ſome Mens Favour? 3. Whether ſuch as were zealous for it, have not for moſt Part been ill treated, and reproach'd? 4. Whether one of the chief Judges in Criminal Affairs there, be not one who concurr'd in the arbitrary and bloody Proceedings of the late Reigns? 5. Whether he has not countenanc'd the nonjurant and diſaffected Party? 6. Whether as Steward for her Majeſty in a certain County, he has not oppreſs'd and diſcourag'd ſuch of her Majeſty's Vaſſals, as are firm to the Intereſt of the Revolution? 7. Whether, by his Influence or Connivance, the Papiſts and *Jacobites* have not been encourag'd to mob the eſtabliſh'd Miniſtry, and protected from Puniſhment? 8. By whoſe Recommendation it is, that ſo many diſaffected Perſons have been lately put into the Commiſſion of the Peace, and made Sheriffs there? 9. Whether raſcally Mobs have not been arm'd there, to overawe Elections? All which together, make but too ſtrong a Proof for the Support of my Lord *Haverſham*'s Propoſition, That the *French* King has Encouragement to renew the Attempt of invading us.

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